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May 31 is the date set for the special election for Topekan to vote on the proposition of a bond issue for the reconstruction and enlargement of the auditorium, the building of a new one practically. And there shouldn't be a single vote cast against the plan. A new and bigger auditorium means the retention by Topeka of her important place on the map as the big convention city for this section of the country. That's too valuable a city asset for Topeka to lose.

So President Wilson's "ultimatum" to Germany was not an ultimatum after all. At any rate he has deemed it necessary to send an answer to Germany's reply to it.

Germany is undoubtedly in a mood to talk peace, but the probabilities are that the Entente Allies will be the ones to fix the date when the peace talk shall begin. And they are ready to be showing any signs of being ready to quit the fight. They have far too much at stake yet.

And the greasier the "pork chops" the better they evidently are to the liking of the Democratic statesmen doing business in Washington these days. Senators Kenyon and Sherman point out that more than one-half of the \$42,000,000 of expenditures contemplated in the rivers and harbors bill as it passed the house would not be justified even in the best of times and are utterly indefensible at a time when the resources of the nation are to be taxed to the utmost.

Almost since the expedition of General Pershing started on its way after Villa General Geronimo has been calling for more and more soldiers for service on the border and to back up the Pershing command. But the stable door was left unlocked in this important particular until the Mexican bandits staged in the big Bend country a repetition of their tactics at Columbus. Now the National Guards of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico are ordered to the rescue, and their aggregate strength is not more than 4,000 men.

Among the humans hereabouts who think their luck is the toughest are those who won't suffer and stand through the grip epidemics of winter and through the chilly and changeable weather of the early spring season only to contract annoying colds with the arrival of the delightfully warm weather. And there are not a few of these unfortunate, either.

Another federal expenditure without any adequate returns so far is the \$1,500,000 that the Mexican expedition has cost to date. Come to think of it, though, there have been some returns worth while. The expedition, equipped with motor transport trucks and other most useful military accessories that it didn't have before this expedition was undertaken, but which it should have had. And the failure of the pursuit of Villa may be ascribed to the fact that the American forces along the border were not equipped with these necessary adjuncts for actual military service on any kind of a scale.

In the matter of expedition, "Jersey justice" has nothing on the variety which is being dispensed these days in Missouri. A first degree murder trial at St. Joseph recently occupied just an hour and a half of the court's time.

AGRICULTURAL MIRACLES.

If you read of agricultural miracles, doubt them—particularly if the miracle workers agree to let you in on their methods for a consideration, says the Kansas Industrialist. The United States department of agriculture has just exposed the miracle wheat fake, according to which in its biggest development the variety of the arid west was to be converted into a field of miracle wheat and spineless cactus in fulfillment of an alleged biblical prophecy. Another story told in connection with this wheat is that it was derived from seed found in the coffin of an Egyptian mummy 3,000 or 4,000 years old. The department of agriculture naturally does not attempt to pass on the applicability of the scriptural prophecy. It points out merely that seed of wheat stored under the most favorable circumstances will not retain vitality more than a few years and that seed yields from so-called miracle wheats in scientific tests show no miraculous properties whatsoever. It is no disparagement of the miraculous to say that the miracles of agriculture are likely to be found in the application of modern science and modern business to agriculture. It is the miracle of the miracle, the gift of divinity as it is supernatural power—which will cause the desert to bloom as a rose and the trees of the field and the flocks of the husbandman to rejoice before the Lord.

THE RECRUITING PROBLEM.

Is congress giving any thoughts to plans to encourage the recruiting that will be necessary to bring the forces to the regular army up to the figure that will be set in the army preparedness bill that is now in the hands of a conference committee. The probabilities are that this bill will provide for the army of 200,000 men on its peace basis. But getting that many men for the army will be no easy matter of congress. It will be a problem for some body, though. With prospects for immediately active service, the army officials are making exceedingly slow progress in getting the 20,000 increase of men that was authorized when the trouble with Mexico, or Villa, began.

AMERICAN INDIAN DAY.

American Indian day is to be celebrated in every state in the union on May 13. On the second Saturday in May, for the first time in history the Indians are to celebrate a holiday of national scope, of their own origin and in co-operation with the white people who have come to inherit their country. The idea was proposed by A. C. Parker, state anthropologist of New York and adopted at the national conference of Indians in Denver three years ago, but a definite date was not fixed until the Lawrence, Kansas, conference last October. President Coolidge of the Society of American Indians with the support of his executive council there issued a proclamation setting the date and calling "upon every person of American Indian ancestry to specially observe this day as one set apart as a memorial to the red race and a wise consideration of its future." Then he added, "Likewise do we invite every American to consider our philosophy, our love of freedom, our social institutions and our history, in the full light of truth in honest comparison with the annals of other races and draw therefrom those noble things that we believe worthy of emulation. We declare our needs now and tomorrow as those primarily of Americans struggling for enlightenment and that competency that is consistent with American citizenship." In every Indian school and upon every reservation special exercises will be held and hundreds of white schools and communities will consider the mutual interests, friendship and destiny of the two races, the white and the red. The endorsement of nearly every governor and commissioner of education give the American Indian day a national character. Governor Whitman of New York on May 4 signed a proclamation making the day a permanent official in the state of New York.

ROOT'S BAT IN THE RING.

This appears to be a little late in the day for Elihu Root to announce formally his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination. But this is one presidential year when the odds are so stacked, and there seem to be no man wise enough to forecast when this shaft of Republican lightning will strike, even if the convention is a matter of only five weeks in the distance. Such indications as there are seem to point that the nomination will go to either Colonel Roosevelt or Justice Hughes, and the sentiment seems to be leaning strongly among the Republicans that the color is the man of the hour, and for the essential reason that there is no doubt where he stands on the big and new questions of the day, while Justice Hughes' attitude in respect to these momentous questions is pretty much of an enigma.

Jayhawker Jots

The politician who makes a famous speech that rings around the world becomes a great man and breaks into the limelight of national fame. But the farmer who raises the biggest potato and the cleanest wheat is a boon to humanity and history never hears of him. And yet we claim to be a just and impartial people.

When two good listeners happen to be together, they have a lone time, thinks the Atchison Globe.

A puzzle for the Ottawa Herald: If actions speak louder than words, why are the explanatory panels in the film pictures?

The general rule in making demands. The world is the demand enough so that one can make some concessions, and still win.

It occurs to the Hutchinson News that the trouble with the Mexicans is that they don't know what they want.

One of the clothes cleaning shops in Concordia has this sign tacked on one of its walls: Don't smoke cigarettes near the gasoline tank. If you are not working on a car, it's a bad thing.

The city girl's idea of making herself popular, states the Winfield County, is to eat suppers that the boys entice to eat. If you have had that feeling, the Bulletin continues, it is something else quite closely related. We have not had the right weather for the spring fever as yet.

On the Spur of the Moment

By ROY K. MOULTON.

The ice man.

He backs his wagon to our door. About the sleazy hour of four. Lets out a yell and then some more. This energetic ice man.

There comes a tumble, then a whack. As something heavy hits our back. And sends cold shivers up our back. A good air him the ice man.

Just when a fellow's dreaming loud. He hears the warning cry of "ice!" Which makes him think about the price.

To settle with the ice man. Just when a fellow has forgot His truck and has got a lot Of money for to buy a yacht— He hears the howling ice man.

He is a monarch in a way. Of all the things he can survey. He is a king who's come to stay— He is the high and mighty czar.

He is the best that money can buy. It matters not where he may go. For just one summer time or so, I'd like to be an ice man.

From Our Camp Life.

Here is some economy in the use of fuel. The ice man had a chunk of wood that he burned for three winters. This is how he did it. He took a piece of wood and cut it in two. He would place the chunk therein at bedtime and owing to the very strong upward pressure of the air the wood was forced up through the pipe and chimney and would then roll down the incline of the roof and land on the ground, only to be picked up and used again the next night. Very simple, you see. A. J. M.

Bucolic Bliss.

Oh, how my yearning heart inclines To the smiling radish vines. And how the purr of the plow brings To all who garden in the spring.

How eagerly each morn I rush To view the pretty cabbage bush. And how the plow brings to my mind From branches of the turnip tree.

Oh, how I do await a chance To hoe the lovely olive plants. And pick potatoes from the vines. And dig in my crabbapple mines.

The Hickeyville Clarion.

A great many persons have bragged of their knowledge of the town. About six strides took him to the fence that Dorothy had covered in sixty rapid steps, and he overtook her as she was about to turn back. Dorothy turned and looked at him. "Dorothy, dear," he pleaded, "why didn't you let me know it was you?" "Just because I didn't want to," she replied. "I was going to tell you, but you tried to forbid me doing when I was just going to tell you."

"Which ought to tell me like a human and take me for better or worse," she retorted. "Don't you know, dear, that it was only because I wanted to look after you that I went to look at old ball?"

Dorothy had backed up against the bell so that with her elbow she had managed to press the button without Gerard's knowledge.

"And don't you know," she retorted, "that it was only because I recognized you by your dancing that I pretended to be looking for my friend and enticed you into bringing me here?"

The silent footman opened the front door and Dorothy vanished through it with softly spoken good night to Gerard. Gerald fully realized the unexpected good fortune that had come to him. Copyright, 1916, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

George Sparks Bears Evidence of Having Had Much Trouble.

George Sparks holds all local records for body scars. He is a youth who has been picked up last night by Joseph Holman, deputy sheriff. He was held because he told conflicting stories.

Sparks was given an examination this morning. He has been operated upon for appendicitis. He has scars on his left hand and right leg which he claims were caused by a knife in the hands of a brother. He says he has numerous scars on his body which he says were caused by bolts but which look suspiciously like gun shot wounds. He has a big scar on the back of his neck which he cannot explain.

The sheriff's office is about to let Sparks go although he admits numerous misdemeanors. He says his people live at Longmont, Colo., and that he left there hurriedly about a year ago after falling in love with a girl in Nebraska and was arrested, although he denied being with the brother at the time the crime was committed. He got into trouble at Palmyra, New York, and next in Oklahoma. He was sent to the Oklahoma reformatory and escaped, he says.

Reception for Savage.

Plans Under Way Late Today for Proper Recognition of Heroes.

A reception such as should be tendered to conquering heroes will be given the members of the club tonight after a long absence when it returns home with the scalps of Wichita and Denver.

The club plans for the reception were under way late this afternoon at the Commercial club.

George Godfrey Moore, B. B. Eitel, and company will play a band which will meet the players at 3:05 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. A big crowd is expected to be present at League park when the team arrives.

Attention.

Members Topeka Lodge No. 28, K. P., the funeral of Bro. J. W. Davis will be held Thursday at 2 o'clock from 1311 West Fifth street.

A. D. WATTS, K. R. S. J. E. BURGETT, C. C. (Advertisement.)

STATES IN A ROW

Diplomatic Relations Between Kansas and Missouri Strained.

Gov. Major Declines to Honor Gov. Capper's Requisition.

NOTE WRITING STAGE REACHED

Threats of Retaliation Made at the State Capitol.

Trouble Started Over Case of a Wife Deserter.

Kansas and Missouri official departments are on the verge of severing diplomatic relations. The strained relations reached the note writing stage today when Governor Major of Missouri refused to honor a requisition for an alleged Kansas wife deserter.

Gov. Major's refusal to honor the requisition for the man's return to Kansas was a retaliation unless the Missouri governor changes his attitude.

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